

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
PROCLAMATION

EO 98-09

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME — GREETINGS:

AN EXECUTIVE ORDER DECLARING THAT A STATE OF DISASTER EMERGENCY EXISTS DUE TO THE EXTREME FIRE HAZARD CURRENTLY EXPERIENCED THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF ARKANSAS AND RESTRICTING ALL OUTDOOR BURNING.

WHEREAS, the Office of State Fire Marshall and the Arkansas Forestry Commission recognize the current extreme fire hazard in the State of Arkansas due to the prolonged drought; and

WHEREAS, immediate action is required to protect public health, reduce further damage, and ensure public safety; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to restrict all outdoor burning in all areas of the State of Arkansas until the extreme conditions no longer present a hazard to the people and property of the State of Arkansas;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mike Huckabee, acting under the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Arkansas pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 12-75-107 and Ark. Code Ann. § 12-75-114(a) and (b), do proclaim a state of disaster emergency exists as a result of the extreme fire hazard and hereby prohibit all outdoor burning except authorized by the State Forester until such time as the extreme conditions are alleviated, and the threat or danger has passed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 10th day of September, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred ninety-eight.



GOVERNOR MIKE HUCKABEE

SECRETARY OF STATE SHARON PRIEST